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From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

No. 37

9 January 1945

To VIKTOR[i].

BASS's[BAS][ii] lawyer on arrival in CARTHAGE[KARFAGEN][iii] reported that for getting the REEFs'[RIFY][iv] visas it would be necessary for BASS to give additional verbal evidence before a special commission and an official of the Visa Division who said that it is necessary to ascertain whether or not the REEFs are communists. [2 groups unrecovered] the Chief[a] of the Division also has to appear [before][b] the commission. The lawyer advised BASS to come to CARTHAGE in order to go through the commission out of turn since by appointment it would take another month. [3 groups unrecovered] 11 January and return the 13th. According to the lawyer a decision about POPEN's[v] visa

[12 groups unrecovered]

about the role of MARCUS[MARKUS][vi] [in][b] this affair at the present time

[36 groups unrecoverable]

Notes: [a] This is the feminine NACHAL'NITSa so may refer to Ruth B. SHIPLEY, Chief of the Passport Division of the Department of State.

[b] Inserted by translator.

Comments:

[i] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN

[ii] BAS: Michael BURD

[iii] KARFAGEN: Washington, D.C.

[iv] RIFY: Nicholas and Maria FISHER.

[v] POPEN: First occurrence, unidentified.

[vi] MARKUS: Ralph MARCUS.

16 April 1968

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